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1. Local residents in SCHWERIN (T48) report that most of the young troops there are newcomers who arrived during the first two weeks of November 1949. Most older men went on furlough directly after maneuvers, departing in groups of 30-40 at a time.*

2. SCHWERIN barracks were occupied as follows (barracks names unreported):

a. Ludwigslusterstrasse Kaserne: Eleven new buildings, all apparently occupied; strength estimated at 4,000 men, mostly young and all wearing black shoulder straps/red piping. Two prime movers, one 100 mm AT gun #4, and trucks [redacted] were standing in the yard. Vehicle sheds were closed. Directly across from the barracks is a fenced area containing five bunkers, each about five meters wide. **

b. Southern exit of SCHWERIN: Some new billets are being constructed. There are no vehicle sheds. Estimated strength, 2,000 men, all wearing black straps/red piping.

c. Gustrowerstrasse, NE SCHWERIN: Five new buildings, holding about 2,000 young troops. Shoulder straps observed on officers and EM included complete black, black/red piping, green/black piping; on 23 November source saw 30 men and one officer, armed with carbines and machine pistols, wearing green straps with black piping - a shade of green which, he emphasizes, is not the green worn by MVD or Medical Corps personnel. *** Truck sheds were closed and there was little traffic, only [redacted] making an appearance.

d. J. Stellingstr./Lischstr.: About 800 men wearing black straps/red piping. No vehicle traffic.

3. [redacted] that SCHWERIN is held by motorized rifle and AT troops.

* Similar reports of older men going on furlough have been received from other Mecklenburg areas and from Thuringia. No details have been given nor any proof that these movements may involve demobilization of certain classes.

** This strength estimate may be considered guess work, source working on the basis of circumstantial evidence - e.g., all barracks windows being

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lighted at night, he concludes that the barracks are fully occupied.

[REDACTED] - to report on this
allegedly new shade of greyish green. [REDACTED] also emphasized
this distinctive color as worn by some troops in Weimar during November 1949.

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[REDACTED] concludes his report on Schwerin with the cryptic note that "Troop
vehicles were camouflaged against all observation". Clarification has been
demanded.

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